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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

DANILO PORRO ET AL.

Serial No.: 10/068,137

Filed: February 6, 2002

For: PROCESSES FOR PRODUCING LACTIC
ACID USING YEAST TRANSFORMED
WITH A GENE ENCODING LACTATE
DEHYDROGENASE

Confirmation No.: 8385

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2004**

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Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants submit the foregoing amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated November 26, 2004, for which the three-month date for response is February 26, 2005.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.547096RFE.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments to the claims (pp. 3-4), amendments to the specification (pp. 5-7), and remarks (pp. 8-10) is respectfully requested.